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SUBJECT: GABRIEL CHILDREN CASE

1. NEW YORK TIMES AND WASHINGTON POST 4/27 CARRIED
BRIEF REPORTS ON RUDE PRAVO OPEN LETTER TO PRESIDENT
CARTER RESURRECTING GABRIEL CHILDREN CASE. FOLLOWING
EXCHANGE TOOK PLACE AT NOON BRIEFING 4/27:

Q. HODDING, THE CZECHOSLOVAK COMMUNIST PAPER YESTERDAY
CARRIED AN OPEN LETTER TO PRESIDENT CARTER ABOUT A
WOMAN WHO SAYS HER CHILDREN ARE BEING KEPT HERE IN
THE UNITED STATES, AND APPEALING FOR HIS HELP TO GET
THEM OUT. AND THEN TODAY, THEY'VE GOT A NEW THING
SAYING THAT THIS IS ALL PART OF A PLAN, AN EXTREMELY
GROSS ANTI-CZECHOSLOVAK CAMPAIGN IN THE UNITED STATES.
THEY ARE USING IT AS AN EXAMPLE OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATION
HERE. WHAT DO YOU HAVE ON IT?

A. I DON'T HAVE A LOT ON THIS, BUT LET ME GIVE YOU
WHAT I HAVE. FIRST, THE LETTER WAS APPARENTLY ADDRESSED
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TO THE PRESIDENT, AND WE AT THE DEPARTMENT HAVEN'T
RECEIVED ANY SUCH LETTER AND HAVE NO NOTICE OF SUCH A
LETTER.

Q. IT WAS CALLED AN OPEN LETTER.

A. BUT WE'LL TAKE IT FROM THERE, THOUGH. THE NEWS

REPORTS, INSOFAR AS THEY OUTLINE THE HISTORICAL BACKGROUND OF THE CASE, ARE ESSENTIALLY CORRECT. BUT OTHER THAN THAT, I DON'T REALLY HAVE ANYTHING TO GIVE YOU EXCEPT TO OFFER THAT THIS MATTER WAS DECIDED BY THE COURTS.

Q. HAVE YOU HAD ANY CONTACT AT ALL WITH THE CZECHOSLOVAK EMBASSY HERE, OR ANY DISCUSSIONS WITH THEM ABOUT THE CASE?

A. I HAVE NOTHING ON THAT.

2. CZECH EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON HAS HAD NO CONTACT WITH US ON THIS AND WE PRESUME CZECHOSLOVAKS HAVE NOT RAISED CASE WITH YOU IN PRAGUE.

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